



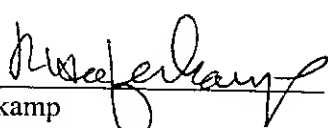
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For: Lock and Switch Using Pressure-Type
Fingerprint Sensor

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE A

In response to the Office Action dated August 29, 2000, Applicant submits the following response:

In the claims:

Please cancel claims 1-10 without prejudice. Please add new claims 11-29 as follows:

11. (new) A locking device comprising:
- (a) a locking mechanism for locking movement of an object to be unlocked;
 - (b) a mechanism or an electronic circuit for restricting unlocking movement of the object;
 - (c) a pressure-based fingerprint sensor for detecting a fingerprint pattern;
 - (d) a semiconductor memory device for storing registered fingerprint data;

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